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Vincent P. Meconi

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Dear Mr. Meconi,

I am writing to inform you that, in accordance with your letter of December 21, 2001, we have granted your request to extend Delaware's home and community-based services Assisted Living Waiver (CMS Control # 0332) for an additional 90-day period. As authorized by regulations at 42 CFR 441.304(c), the waiver is extended for a 90-day period from its current expiration date, December 30, 2001, through March 30, 2002.

The extension will allow Delaware to operate the waiver while the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Disabilities reviews new proposed assisted living regulations. The State will incorporate these changes into the submission of the application to renew the waiver for a five-year period. In addition, the extension period will allow CMS staff to conduct on-site monitoring of Delaware's Assisted Living Waiver while reviewing the State's renewal application.

Please contact Ronna Bach of my staff at (215) 861-4223 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claudette V. Campbell

Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid and State Operations